

WEATHER.

Fair and much colder tonight and tomorrow.
Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 74; at 11 a.m. today, lowest, 58, at 6 a.m. today.
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U.S. FREE PROPOSITION TO BRING LEAGUE TO BRITAIN AND EUROPE

American Diplomatic Moves Cause Flurry—France Refuses to Make Plea.

LEADERS STILL AT SEA OVER FOREIGN POLICY

Question of Yap Promises to Be Particularly Thorny—Secret Treaty May Be Issue.

By PAUL SCOTT MOWBRAY.
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PARIS, France, April 9.—The latest manifestations of American diplomacy have caused a considerable flurry and no little bitterness in Europe. No sooner was Rene Viviani's report that the United States is determined to turn its back on both the league and treaty received in Geneva than Leon Bourgeois, the French delegate to the league council, rushed to Paris and besought the French government to make the last appeal to the United States to save the league. The French government refused.

It fears that in the present circumstances to put forward the league would serve only to widen the breach between the United States and the allies. It has therefore on the one hand sent a special agent to Geneva to try to keep the league quiet, and on the other has instructed M. Viviani to accept the American situation as it is and merely try to get the best conditions he can for France. What France wants now particularly is the assurance of the moral support of the United States in case Germany is obliged to deal with Germany by force of arms with the next few months.

Leaders Believed at Sea.
So far France has received no real satisfaction. Professions of friendship for France by republican leaders are naturally appreciated, but only at their face value. Contrary to what the newspapers have said, the American reply to the German reparations was not an unqualified refusal to France. The last paragraph of the American reply was friendly to Germany. Moreover, Secretary Hughes' recent statement that the United States is determined to maintain a policy of neutrality, in case France is obliged to deal with Germany by force of arms with the next few months.

French Government's Note to United States Sent Some Time Ago.
The French government, it became known here today, sent a note to the United States some time ago, in which it expressed the hope that the controversy over the Pacific Island of Yap might be settled by direct negotiation between the United States and Japan.

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By The Associated Press.
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TALK WITH PRESIDENT.
House Leaders at White House to Discuss Legislation.
Legislative plans for the special session of Congress which convenes next Monday were talked over by President Harding today with Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Republican House leader, and Representative Good of Idaho, chairman of the House appropriations committee.

GRIDIRON DINNER TONIGHT.
The annual spring dinner of the Gridiron Club will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the New Willard Hotel. The dinner, which will ring promptly, it is announced.

ADMINISTRATION MAKES OPENING MONTH COUNT

Speed, With Which Problems Are Tackled, Gains Through Having One Party Control All Branches.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

The first month of the administration of President Harding has passed so rapidly that to most of the cabinet officers it has seemed like a week. Viewing the work of the new regime dispassionately and with a recognition of the fact that Rome wasn't built in a day, even the most ardent partisan will admit that a start has been made on more problems in the last four weeks than was possible in the last year of the preceding administration. This does not necessarily imply criticism of the officials who tried hard to make progress in the face of inevitable friction between a republican Congress and a democratic executive. But it proves that when all political complications are made, and things accomplished.

President Harding was looked upon before his election as a man of more or less leisurely ways. He hasn't proved so in office. He has worked night and day, and he has gone to the White House with a serious and earnest mind, knowing full well that he must satisfy an impatient electorate.

Hungry Constituents.
Mr. Harding is pestered day and night by the obligations of public life, and that he owes anybody anything, but members of the Senate and House must be kept satisfied, and they are not bothered by hungry constituents. Some idea of Mr. Harding's feeling was given yesterday by a fishing boat and brought here today. No trace of the crew was found.

MISSING BALLOON FOUND BY FISH BOAT IN GULF; NO TRACE OF CREW.
By The Associated Press.
PANAMA CITY, Fla., April 9.—The naval balloon which has been missing with five men since it started from the Pensacola naval station for an all-night flight March 22 was picked up in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday by a fishing boat and brought here today. No trace of the crew was found.

CHARITY AGENCIES BEFORE PRESIDENT.
Mrs. Cross, Father Kerby, Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Gallinger Mentioned as Directors.

President Harding has under consideration the names of four persons for appointment to the three vacancies existing on the board of charities of the District of Columbia. It is not expected that he will make known his selections for at least ten days or two weeks. The four being seriously considered are Mrs. Whitman Cross, one of the nation's foremost workers for the welfare of the poor; Father Kerby, of the Catholic University; Charles F. Nesbit, former superintendent of insurance of the District of Columbia; and William T. Gallinger, president of the American National Bank and one of the nation's leading financiers.

TREASURY NOTIFIED DISTRICT NEEDS MONEY.
The District Commissioners will send to the Treasury Department today, for transmission to Congress next week, a list of urgent deficiency appropriations amounting to \$493,827, to meet absolute necessities of the district government from now until the new fiscal year begins, July 1.

France Believes Those Involved Should Settle Cable Questions.
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BREAD MERCHANT SLAIN.
DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—Joseph Rebeck, 50, a bread merchant, was shot and killed early today by three men who jumped from an automobile and fired fifteen shots at him as he stood behind his delivery wagon. All the shots took effect, and the driver, said by the police to be a fugitive, escaped.

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BRITAIN RECRUITING MEN TO DO WORK OF 2,000,000 WORKERS

Rank and File of Workers Challenge Right of Executives to Issue Call.

NEW LABOR PROPOSALS TO LLOYD GEORGE FAIL

Government Calls Army and Navy Reserves for Service if Threat for Tie-Up Is Carried Out.

By The Associated Press.
LONDON, April 9.—Recruiting of volunteer workers and "safety units" was energetically begun by the government today, and other plans were perfected to meet the threat of a widespread industrial tie-up next Tuesday, growing out of the miners' strike, and involving directly approximately 2,000,000 workers.

From Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and several other important localities of the National Union of Railwaymen comes word that the rank and file are challenging the right of the railwaymen's national executive body to call a strike without declaring by ballot. Some of these local bodies of railway workers declare the miners' resistance to the cuts in their wages and to transport workers' strike in the coal industry, is justifiable, but they do not consider that they have anything to do with the miners for, and therefore should not be stampeded into a sympathetic strike.

After a two-hour conference the only statement of the press was that a deputation might return to Downing street later in the day. This second statement was given at 11 o'clock, the labor men meeting the premier and other members of the government. The deputation submitted proposals growing out of the meeting which the government has agreed to consider. The deputation also submitted proposals growing out of the meeting which the government has agreed to consider.

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PROPOSE PARKWAY TO CONNECT FORTS

Commissioners to Ask for Plans of Drive Connecting Historic Points.

The Commissioners will submit to Congress next week a bill calling for an appropriation of \$5,000 with which to prepare plans for a connecting parkway between the historic forts around Washington. The places of historic interest that would be connected up by the proposed parkway are Forts Greble, Carroll, Stanton, Wagner, Baker, Davis, Dupont, Shaplin, Mahan, Bunker Hill, Totten, Sumner, Stevens, Demer, Bayard and Batteries A, Ricketts, Kemble, Vermont and Parrott.

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CANAL MERGER PLAN

THREATENING LIFE TO POWER PROJECT

Great Falls Development Scheme Likely to Be Taken Up at Conference.

OFFICIALS BELIEVE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR ACTION

Congress Expected to Show Interest in Linking River Proposal to Traction Union.

Revival of the Potomac river power development project as an important economic factor demanding consideration in conjunction with the street railway merger conferences which began next Tuesday appeared probable today.

Prominent government officials, it is known, regard the merger movement as having given new life to the power scheme, which was reported favorably to Congress by the Federal Power Commission at the close of the last session.

Members of the Public Utilities Commission, which will arrive in Washington for the conferences, have not overlooked the connection with the power matter. The committee has been particularly interested in economic and are much interested in this connection.

Will Probe Into Claims.
The commission, it is believed, will probe deeply into the claims of the traction companies, which will be in the connection with the merging of local traction companies. Light and power interests will do more to develop street car fares and electric light bills than a study alone.

Williams, Georgia Farmer, Convicted of Slaying to Halt U. S. Probe.
By The Associated Press.
COVINGTON, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, accused of the murder of eleven of his negro farmhands to halt a federal investigation of peonage, was found guilty of murder by a jury in Newton county superior court here today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Daughters Hysterical.
The verdict of murder with recommendation for mercy, which, under Georgia law, automatically carries a life sentence, was read exactly eighteen hours after the case went to the jury, and was calmly received by Williams, who sobbed on her husband's shoulders, and children began to sob, almost audibly, he seemed to be struggling to control his own emotions.

Dam Would Cost \$15,000,000.
The estimated cost of the dam and bridge would be \$15,000,000. The bridge and dam would be built in conjunction with the existing steam plants would be held in reserve for periods of low-water supply. The dam would be built in conjunction with the existing steam plants would be held in reserve for periods of low-water supply.

Merger Bill in Congress.
A bill providing for the merger of the street railway companies in the District and the Potomac Electric Power Company will be introduced by Senator Jones today. The bill would be introduced by Senator Jones today.